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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
9300 East Hampton Drive
Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743
Attn: Audio Division
Media Bureau

Re:Comments In Opposition to Emergency Petition for Section 403

## Dear Secretary Dortch:

We understand that the FCC is considering intervention in the rollout of Arbitron's Portable People Meter (PPM) radio audience measurement service. We believe that electronic measurement of radio audiences is long overdue and that PPM offers a much-needed improvement over past reliance on recall-based pencil and paper diaries. Further., more accurate and continuous (timely) measurement of radio audiences will aid stations in delivering a higher level or accountability to the advertisers we service, reassuring them that they will achieve the ultimate return on investment promised for their radio investments. Radio is not alone in this endeavor – television has long moved to electronic people meters and outdoor and print as beginning to implement and/or explorer similar capabilities. To intervene and delay these improvements will further disadvantage radio at a time when it can ill afford it.

Congress has sanctioned the Media Rating Council and its mission to accredit currency audience measurement services to assure they meet the minimum standards set out by the council and work tirelessly to address the improvement agenda they have established for Arbitron and other research companies. We believe the MRC brings the requisite expertise to continue this process as it has over the past few years. The FCC is not expert in the science of audience measurement and it would be a disservice to the industry to impose a formal investigation into PPM methodology at a time when Arbitron is working closely and productively with the Media Rating Council to refine its service. Sincerely yours,

Chief Media & Research Officer Media Management, Inc.

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It is imperative for advertiser, as well as stations, to have a measurement system that is more accurate and timelier than this. The PPM will allow radio to obtain what Broadcast Television and Internet advertising has - accountability that is timely and accurate.

I strongly believe that the PPM system shows a more realistic view of a market place and station's listenership. While the PPM still has its bugs to work out (sample size, retention, ect.), much like television did when they first introduced electronic measurement, it is long past time to get the product out into the market place. Arbitron takes the Radio community's concerns seriously and listens to them. The release of the New York PPM was already delayed a year in order to address the concerns of minority-owned and minority-oriented broadcasters. The current petition to delay the PPM's release again will only harm the radio industry as a whole.

Radio needs to stay competitive with all the other options that advertisers have in today's market place - without an electronic system they will fall behind and everyone will lose out. Please don't delay the PPM any further.

Cordially,

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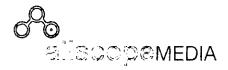
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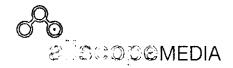
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